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International Conference on Water for All
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a five day international conference on water related issues was held in India recently;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) whether Israel has been named as a partner for the event; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard along with further steps to be taken in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a) & (b) Yes Madam. A five day international conference on water related issues, India Water Week-20 16 was held from 4th − 8th April, 2016 at New Delhi with the theme "Water for all: Striving together". More than 1500 delegates representing National and International Organizations, Research Institutes, Educational Institutions and NGOs from water resources, agriculture, power sectors etc. participated in the India Water Week. Besides delegates from 14 countries including Israel, Hungary, Burundi, Bhutan etc. al so attended the India Water Week.

During the conference various topics relating to Water Resources development, management, planning and conservation of water were deliberated upon with a view to find out strategies towards achieving the goal of "Water for All".

(c) & (d) Yes Madam, Israel was the partner country for the event. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Israel for bilateral cooperation in water resources management and development has been prepared. Further follow-up action on the mutually agreed areas, including techniques in the efficient use of resources, recycling/ re-use of waste water, desalination, aquifer recharge and in-situ water conservation techniques will be taken once the MoU is signed.
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